



Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



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TO: Health Care Providers and Public


The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all health care providers and the public of recently adopted statutes affecting licensed health care providers.

On June 14, 2011 Governor Brian Sandoval signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 129. SB 129 requires all applicants for intermediate care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, personal care agencies, adult day care centers, residential facilities for groups and homes for individual residential care to receive training in the recognition and prevention of elder abuse before being issued a license and requires applicants to receive annual elder abuse training.

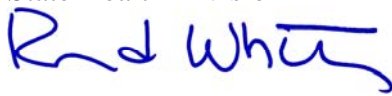
SB 129 also directs administrators and caregivers of the above mentioned facility types to receive elder abuse training before providing care to recipients and to receive annual elder abuse training. Administrators licensed by the Board of Examiners for Long Term Care Administrators (BELTCA) who fail to ensure their employees receive the annual training, will be reported to BELTCA for disciplinary action.

The training on elder abuse must be applicable for the facility type and must cover recognizing elder abuse, including sexual abuse, responding to reports of alleged abuse, instructions concerning the federal, state and local laws relating to elder abuse. It is important to include within the training program applicable laws regarding elder abuse as identified in NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995. The facility is responsible for securing or creating an elder abuse training program. Programs may be offered by private vendors, website locations or other agencies to meet the criteria specified in the legislative language. The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance will be reviewing evidence of training during their periodic inspections.

This law becomes effective October 1, 2011 and there will be no new regulations as a result of the law.

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